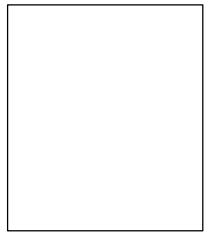


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52nd Gem & Mineral Show
March 26-27
Wysox Vol. Fire Hall



First Class Mail

March Birthstone



Aquamarine

To:

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. 9516 N. Rome Rd., Athens, PA 18810

PURPOSE: The club was organized in 1962 in Sayre, PA to assemble for the purpose of studying and collecting rock, mineral, fossil and shell specimens, and to develop skills in the lapidary arts. We are members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

DUES are payable to the treasurer BY January 1st of each year. After that date membership will be terminated. Make checks payable to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. as follows: \$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Subscribing Patron; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (under age 17) not covered by a family membership.

MEETINGS are held at the Sayre High School (on Lockhart Street) at 7:00 P.M. in the Cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, **except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER.** Those meetings/events (and any changes) will be announced in the newsletter as to event time, date and location. Visitors are always welcome.

FIELD TRIPS are scheduled regularly from May through September; dates and details to be announced in the Shin-Skinner News

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JoAnn McGuire

Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire



Hopefully you all are in good health. If not, I hope you get much better soon. No fun being sick and not able to do things.

Sympathy to Duane Wells family on the passing of his sister on the 15th. Remember all the good times.

At the last meeting, some were asking about older club members who are not able to come anymore. I sat down the other day and called a few of them and e-mail a couple of others. Here are our phone conversations:

I had a nice chat with Evelyn Keir. She said she's doing well and "hanging in there". She has a lady who comes in on Wednesday to clean and get groceries, but she's sick so Evelyn is trying to do some of the things she did. She gets her own meals. Likes her TV programs. She doesn't go out much because of virus and the icy conditions. She's so glad she has family close by who do things for her and take her to Dr. appointments. It was good to talk to her and she still sounds the same jolly Evelyn we are know.

I had a nice phone conversation with Helen Tracy. She said she's doing much better. She had fallen and is recovering. She had two black eyes and her forehead was black and blue, but she hasn't fallen in over three weeks, so that's good. She had to go to the hospital to have her hip checked from the fall and had been coughing, so they decided to test her for Covid. Said they didn't think she had Covid; did the test and she had Covid. She had had all her shots and got it anyway. She also sounded really good.

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MARCH 9TH AT 7PM. BOARD MEETING AT 6PM.**

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Talked with Bill Chapman and they are ok. Because of distance, they won't be coming to the show in March. He did say with all the ice, he and a friend had gone a few times to Branchport, NY, to do some fishing for perch. He mentioned that they plan to do flea markets when the weather cooperates. He also said he was going to see if any club members would be interested in a trip to Mt. Pleasant Mills for blue celestite. He may contact Trish to send out a mass mailing. Nice chatting with him too.

My last call was to Gloria Dick. She sounded really good. Said at her age and circumstances, she's good. She had been in and out of the hospital, but is home and doing well. Said she was so glad to leave the rehab place in Corning, NY. She was the last person to leave and it was closed down, due to Covid. She likes her "soaps" on TV and still has her rock and mineral collection. She does her housework. She also has an aide who comes in to help. Her daughter lives close by so does her shopping for her and also her secretarial things that need to be taken care of. She has a cane and a walker if she needs them. She can go without them, but not too far.

I e-mailed John and Dee Margatanski and Nancy Welles, but have not heard back from them. Hope they are ok.

It was so nice to get in touch and talk for a few minutes. They are club members from way back. They said it was nice to hear from me. I was only too happy to take care of it.

Get well wishes to Trish Bensih as she is now having therapy and hope that really helps her. She had a recent fall and is recovering slowly. Keep going, Trish. You got this.

Hope to see you at the show the end of March. Still need volunteers. If you can help, even if only for a short time, contact Trish and she will set you up,.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those that celebrate in the month of March. They are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Take care, all, and hope things get better soon. Even the weather is miserable and I keep thinking "Spring" is on the way.....some day.

JoAnn
Miss Sunshine

C.Bourne photo



Inga Wells

*Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News**By Inga Wells*

The kids and families are scheduled to meet on Sunday, March 13 at 1 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church in Bethel Hall. Use Ramp door in the back of the church. Program will be the same as last month, learning more about the soft Minerals of Mohs' Hardness scale with a special emphasis on gypsum.

Last month, no one showed up for the meeting, so everything is still packed. I knew a few of our regulars were not able to attend. Thank you to those families for letting me know. I had some correspondence from new families to attend the meeting, none showed up either. Please let me know if you are not able to attend. I will always show up for the one child that can make it, however, it is a bit lonely to sit there and no one shows up.

Open Forest: There is a fun event for Families at Satterlee Creek Environment Center on Saturday, March 5th from 10 am to 2 P.M. The teachers from the Sayre School system have a silent auction to raise money for center. There will be hot drinks and food - free. The sled dogs will be racing, maple syrup and pancakes, wagon rides, demonstrations by local organization and lots more. It should be a balmy 45 degrees.

Our club has participated in the fun in any kind of weather for many years, so hoping the weather will be favorable this year.

Inga

Program for March 9th meeting.

Dr. DeeAnne Wymer, Archeology professor from the University of Bloomsburg, will present a program on the recent dig in Athens, PA. She will have Power Point program of photos of some really incredible artifacts. She excavated the dig with the help of volunteers from the Susquehanna River Archeological Center in Waverly. See article on next page.

Life 1000 Years Ago in Athens PA: Archaeology In Your Backyard

This past summer 2021 an archaeological excavation along the Susquehanna River in Athens historic district uncovered the remarkable traces of ancient Native American life. First discovered and documented in the 1930s our recent investigation, conducted by the Susquehanna River Archaeological Center, was organized to verify that traces of the site still remained tucked among current household yards and open spaces of our modern landscape - as well as bringing 21st century technology and knowledge to bear on understanding the first people to inhabit our beautiful valley. Our excavations exposed the remains of very large underground pits, some 6 feet across and 3 feet deep, originally used to store food then filled with the dense refuse of life along the rivers - flint arrow points, broken pottery...

And the most remarkable bone preservation yet encountered by any of the archaeology team members, including bone needles, weaving tools, part of a carved bone comb, turtle shells, fish bones and fish scales. The very first radiocarbon dates for the site have just been completed- this site of the pre-Iroquois culture, termed Owasco by today's scholars, dates to 1070 and 900 years ago. Still a mystery, who were these first people that lived in these valleys before the Iroquois migrated into the region...and long before the early historic Colonists entered the land.

The PowerPoint/ slide presentation will show you our excavations and the beautiful artifacts that have been uncovered.

Dr. DeeAnne Wymer
Archaeology Director
Susquehanna River Archaeological Center

52ND Annual Che-Hanna Gem and Mineral Show

WYSOX VOL. FIRE CO. SOCIAL HALL

111 LAKE ROAD, WYSOX, PA

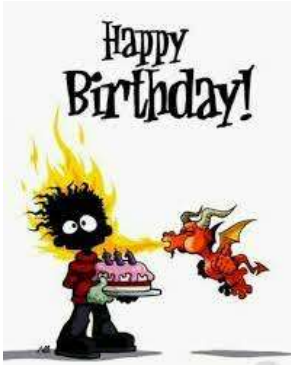
March 26, 2022 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

March 27, 2022 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SHOW HELP NEEDED

Please email Trish Benish to sign up.

Email: Patriciabenish@gmail.com



March Birthdays

- 3 – Adalaide King
- 9 – Renee Moore
- 9 – John Morgan
- 9 – Jim Pannebaker
- 13 – Bob McGuire
- 14 – Eric Kirkpatrick
- 15 – Trish Benish
- 20 – Frank Meadows
- 22 – Ethan Stoddard
- 25 – GayDee Bloss
- 28 – Bill Chapman
- 31 – Dee Margetanski



March Anniversaries

- 30 – Phyllis & Sam Robison

Upcoming Shows & Events From: EFMLS.ORG

March 5-6: Wilmington, DE 58th Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON - The show features educational exhibits of mineral, lapidary and fossil specimens, displays from regional and university museums, a roster of fine dealers of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and lapidary supplies, demonstrations of gem cutting and polishing...Visit our website: <https://dmsrocks.org/rock-shows/dms-annual-show>

March 19-20: Hamburg, NY 52ND Show "FOSSILS OF NEW YORK"

ERIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – HAMBURG, NY BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW. <https://bgsny.org/2021/01/18/bgs-52nd-annual-show-march-19-20th-2022>

March 26-27: 52nd Annual Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show

Wysox Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall – 111 Lake Road, Wysox, PA

March 26-27: Franklin County Rock and Mineral Club Show

Eugene C. Clarke Jr Community Center – 235 South 3rd St. Chambersburg, PA 17201

March 25-27: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair

Lu Lu Temple – 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

March 25-27: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Hickory Metro Convention Center 1960 13th Avenue, Hickory, NC

April 2022

April 10-11: New York Southern Tier Geology Club Show

Johnson City Senior Center – 30 Brocton Ave. Johnson City, NY 13790

April 30 – May 1: Berks Mineralogical Society Presents the 53rd ANNUAL Gem Show

The Pavillion at Leesport Farmers Market – 312 Gernant's Church Rd. Leesport, PA 19533

June 2022

June 4-5: Orange County Mineral Society, Inc. Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry Show

Museum Village 1010 Route 17 M, Monroe, NY. Visit: www.ocmsny.org

June 25-26: Gilsum Rock Shop & Mineral Show

Gilsum Elementary School & Community Center 640 Route 10, Gilsum, NH